

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 14 and add new Claims 14 - 28 as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

- 1 - 14      (Canceled)
15.      (New ) A shelf base for a refrigerator;  
         comprising a plate;  
         lower retaining rails extending along a lower side of the plate for attachment  
         for a support for holding chilled goods; and  
         upper retaining rails for another support extend along the upper side of the  
         plate.
16.      (New ) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper and lower  
         retaining rails are arranged one above the other.
17.      (New ) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper and lower  
         retaining rails are arranged in the direction of the holder of the shelf base in  
         retaining means used for the refrigerator.
18.      (New ) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper retaining  
         rails are connected at least at one of their ends to respectively one end of one  
         of said lower retaining rails.
19.      (New ) The shelf base according to claim 15, including front ends of  
         respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails are  
         connected by a guide profile which spans the front edge of said plate and is  
         displaceable along said front edge.
20.      (New ) The shelf base according to claim 18, including a plurality of clips  
         interconnect all said upper and lower retaining rails.

22. (New ) The shelf base according to claim 18, including at least one of said lower and said upper retaining rails are open at their rear ends.
23. (New ) The shelf base according to claim 21 including an upwardly projecting projection formed at the front end of a bearing surface of at least one of said lower rails.
24. (New ) The shelf base according to claim 18, including one of a shell or a bottle holder is mounted in said lower retaining rails as a support.
25. (New ) The shelf base to claim 18, including a support for drinks cans mounted in said upper retaining rails.
26. (New ) The shelf base according to claim 25, including said support for drinks cans includes a base plate substantially parallel to said plate and includes ribs provided with indentations projecting from said base plate.
27. (New ) The shelf base according to claim 15, including an egg holder mounted in one of said upper or lower retaining rails.
28. (New ) The shelf base according to claim 27, including said egg holder includes a perforated base plate, a pair of side flanks bent away from said perforated base plate and webs which project from said side flanks and engage in said retaining rails.